



## Meeting Summary – November 19, 2002

### I. **Public Hearing**

In the case of Mazzella vs. Price, the Commission on Ethics found that Respondent, a county vendor, violated the County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance when he gave a loan to a county employee expecting in return that his purchase orders would be expedited by the same county employee. The Commission admonished the Respondent and ordered him to pay a fine and costs amount to \$1,750.

### II. **Lobbyists' Appeals**

Lobbyist Rothenberg's fine was reduced to \$100 on account of mitigating circumstances.

Lobbyist Knox' fine was reduced to \$50 on account of mitigating circumstances.

Lobbyist Gonzales' fine was reduced to \$250 on account of mitigating circumstances.

Lobbyist Ullman's fine was reduced to \$210 on account of mitigating circumstances.

### III. **Miami Beach Lawsuit**

The Commission decided to submit an amicus brief supporting the position of the city of Miami Beach, which is the subject of a lawsuit based upon a lobbyist fee disclosure ordinance the City recently adopted.